

VIA AIR

DISPATCH NO. MGR-W-9213



TO: DATE: 8 June 1951

FROM: Chief of Station, Karlsruhe
Attention: Bonn

SUBJECT: GENERAL: PFM
SPECIFIC: Operational
WISO and ARTOS firms

References - BONN-0108 (to [] Karl and Wash), []-3685

1. Your attention is called to MGEA-3728 and MGEA-3858 (copies to [], []-3262 (to Karl and Wash), MGRW-5169 on the connections between WISO and Heinrich WITZEL, the GLOBUS Trading Corporation, Dr. ERIN (see paragraph 1 above), WILLI LANGE-JOHNSON and H. W. LANGE (either of the latter may be identical with the Harry LANG-JOHNSON of Bonn reference). It seems unlikely that the ARTOS of BONN-1375 (not sent []) would be identical with the subject of reference.

2. The following passage is taken from []-17222, a British report evaluated B-3, date of information, July to August 1950: *(not sent Karl or []

"The following Zurich firms are acting as intermediaries in procuring scarce materials for the satellite countries from Western Europe:

HOBRO AG
FALKIMEX AG
SCHNEIER & CO

(this firm ostensibly trades in toothpaste. Isaak SCHNEIER regularly visits Warsaw by air)

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"On the strength of information (sic), the firm 'ARTOS', Basel, approached both HOBRO and FALKIMEX in July 1950 and received an identical list of requirements from each: 200 tons chrome steel, 200 tons ferro-wolfram, 100 tons ferro-vanadium, 200 tons nickel steel, 100 tons copper sheets, 100 tons tin sheets. The list also includes double taper-roller bearings, ferro-molybdenum, ferro-titanium, and antimony.

"The above requirements have been passed on to various Western German suppliers, including Otto WOLFF. The Western German firms have not been informed as to the ultimate destination of these materials."

3. Also pertinent is another British report, []-17815, B-2, date of information September 1950, which states that the Swiss firms Gebrueder GROB and SCHNEIER & Co. are soliciting offers in Western Germany on behalf of Eastern European countries for iron rods and rolled wire. SCHNEIER & Co. also requires for its Polish customers 3000 tons of German refined lead, for which it has made 5,000,000 Swiss francs available to the Swiss firm ARTOS.

4. No traces not known to [] (these presumably being pounced as per paragraph 8 of [] reference) on: Isaak SCHNEIER, EURASIA AG, ERIT HUGEL, Ilya WARESCUKIN or Wladimir WARESCUKIN (listed in Bern telephone book).

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